# Emerging Scientific Opportunities Using X-ray Imaging at the APS

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## Workshop Focus

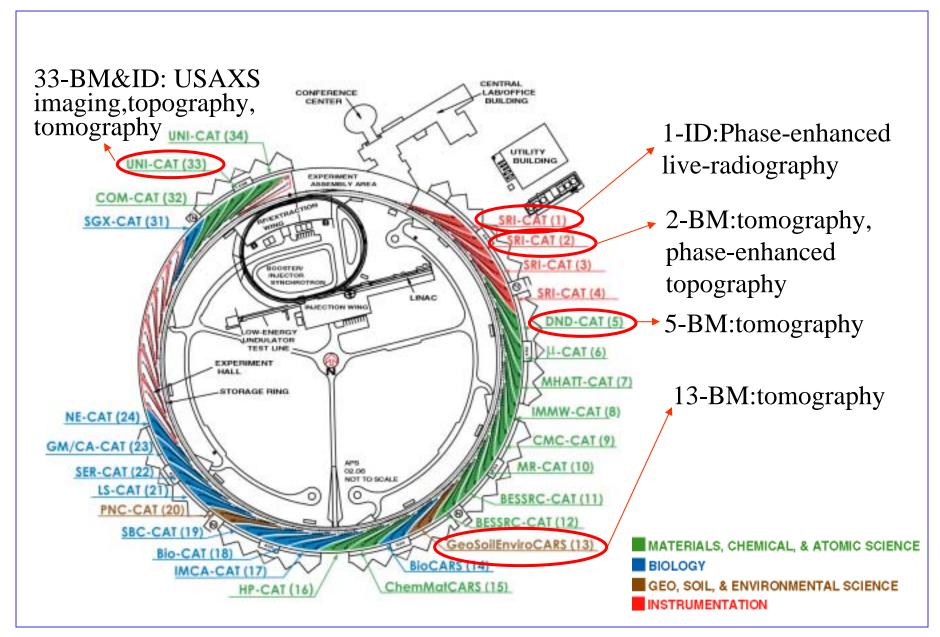
- Full field hard (> 5 keV) x-ray imaging
- Scientific applications present & potential
- Cover broad and diverse disciplines



#### Outline:

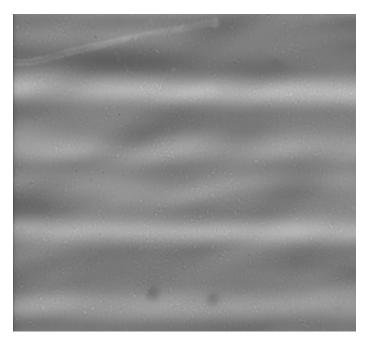
- APS full-field imaging resources
- Selected science applications by technique
  - Topography
  - Topography & Fresnel diffraction
  - Tomography
  - USAXS imaging
  - Live phase-enhanced imaging
- Perspectives







No dedicated imaging beamline at the APS.



FOV ~ 1.3 mm

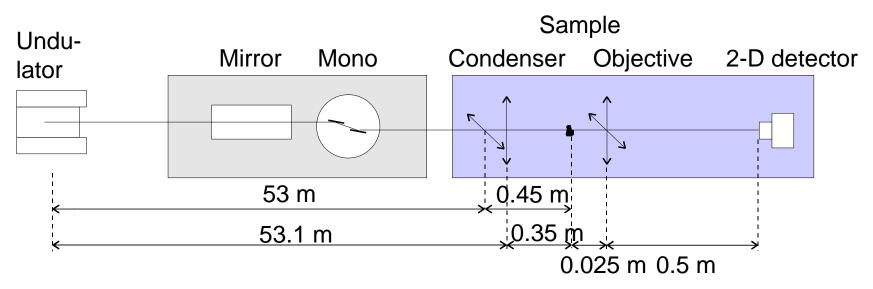


FOV ~ 0.3 mm

Beam artifacts and fluctuations complicate development.



## Microscope at UNICAT 34 ID



Resolution: 100 nm

Field of view: 100 micron

Energy: 6 - 13 keV

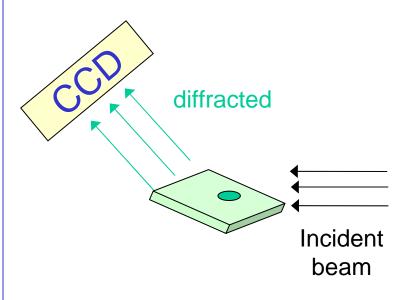
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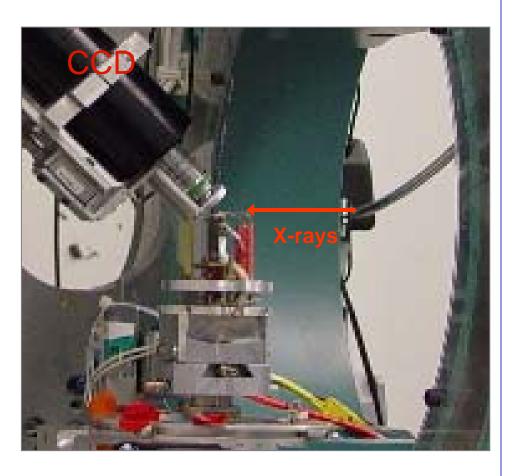


# Topography ADVANCED



# Full-Field X-ray Diffraction Imaging (topography) of Crystalline Samples











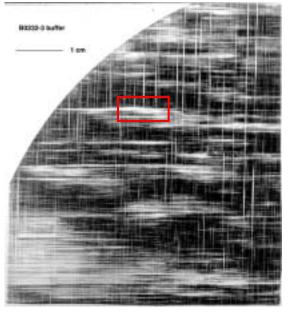
Si substrate

Si film

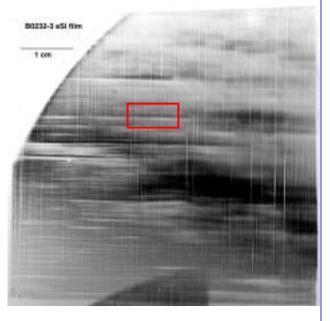
Si/Ge buffer

Si substrate

# D-spacing of substrate, buffer and thin film are different -> depth-sensitive topographs



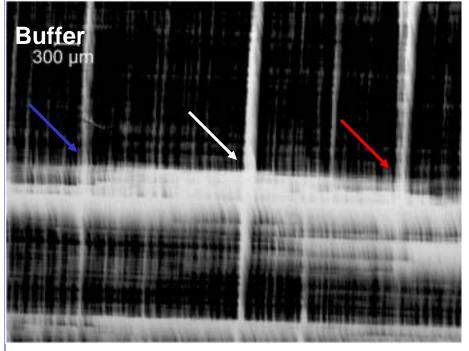
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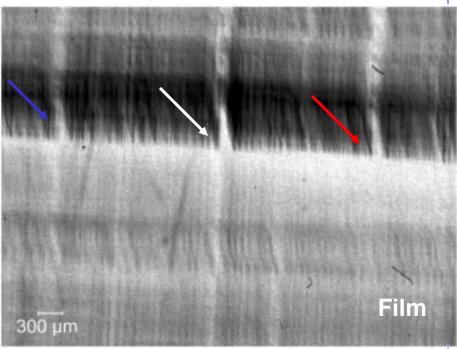


500 Å strained Si film

Next generation Si based electronic materials





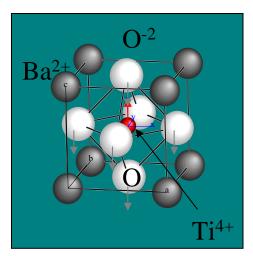


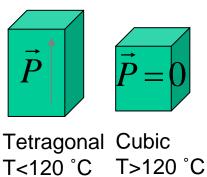
Strain propagates from buffer layer to thin film.

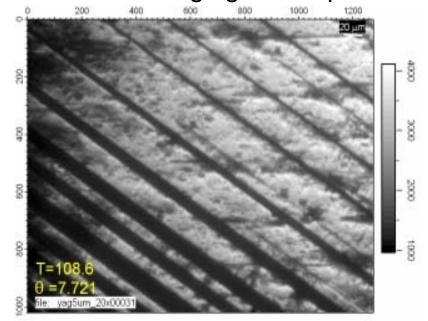


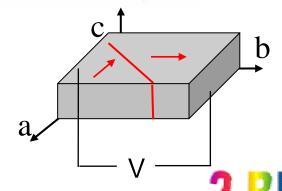
# Time resolved topography of ferroelectric Domains in BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

- To study nucleation and growth of ferroelectric domains
- To develop time-resolved diffraction imaging technique



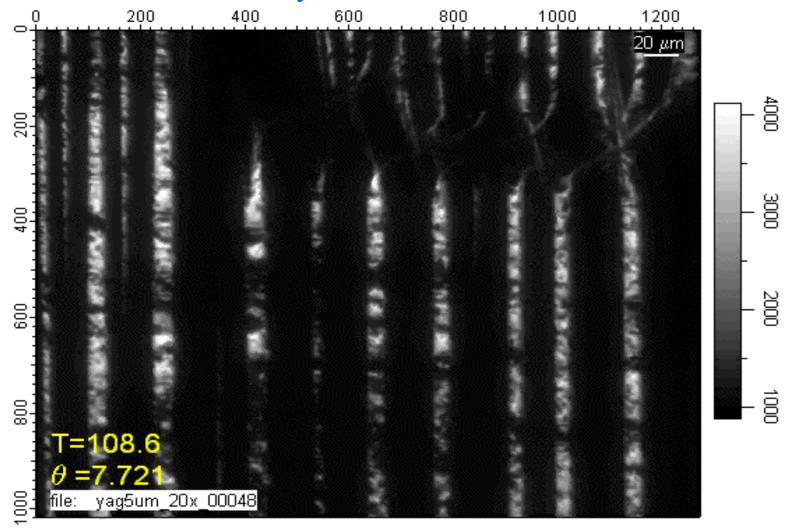






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# Nucleation of 90° Ferroelectric Domains Induced by External Potential



At 108.6 °C with 2 keV/cm -> 0 keV/cm

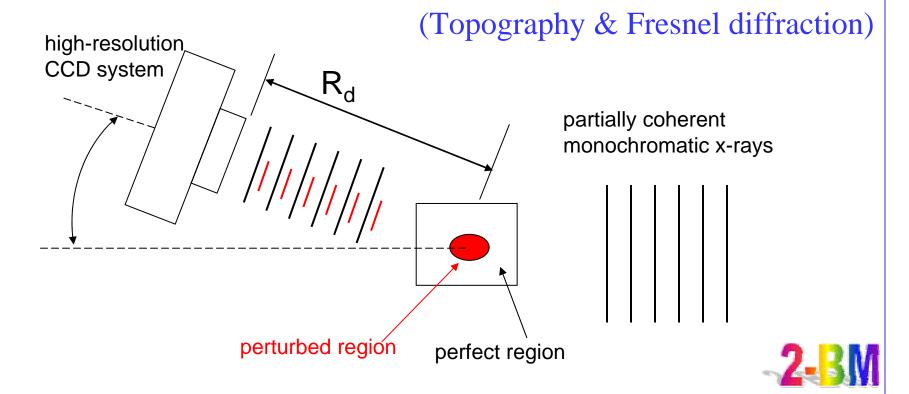


Combine topography & Fresnel diffraction .....

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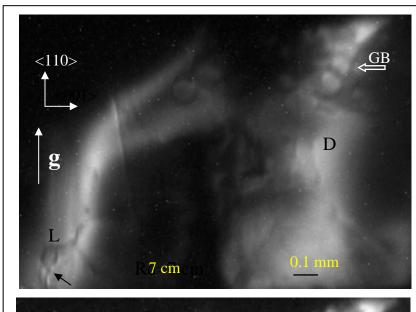
# Diffraction Imaging from Biological Crystals

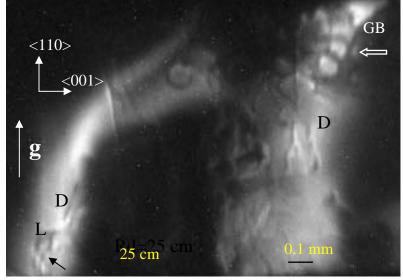
- Investigation of growth and impurity defect in protein crystals
- Defect-contrast enhancement from weakly diffracting biological crystals achieved using phase-contrast



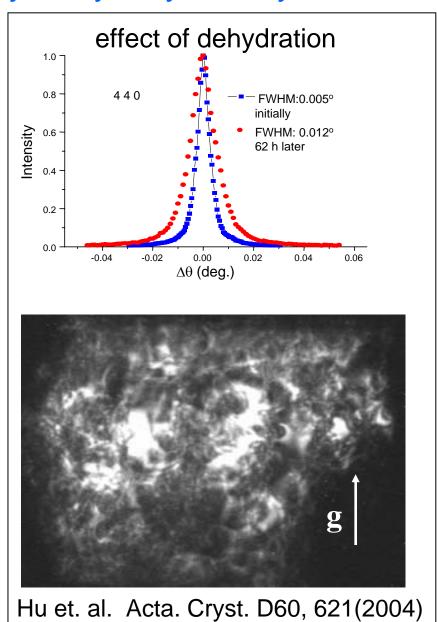


## Phase-Contrast Topography of Lysozyme Crystals





Hu et. al. PRL 87, 148101 (2001)

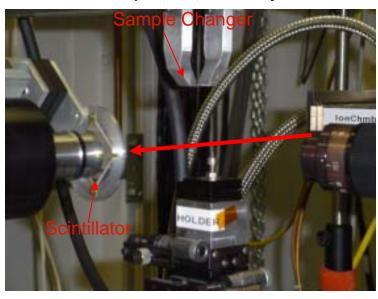


# Tomography



# High Throughput 3D Tomography Tools

- Efficient sample handling & precision alignment
- Local and remote beam line operation
- Fast computational system for data analysis



#### sample changer robot

QuickTime™ and a YUV420 codec decompressor are needed to see this picture.

720 projections 1024x1024.

Total collection time:

Si(111) mono 200 ~ 700 min Multilayer mono 5 ~ 30 min March 04 run (2 weeks) data:

Acquired Images 388,141
Processed Data (GB) 5,081
Shifts 49

Data throughput: 3.4 GB/min



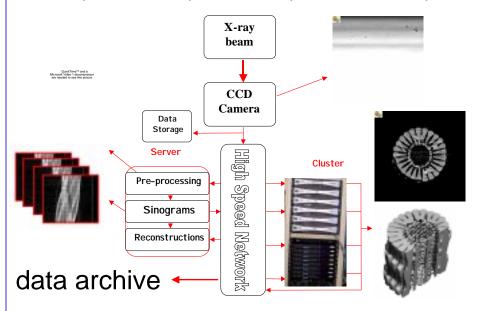
GU groups



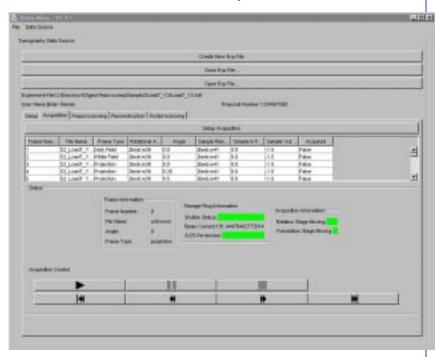
# Data Collection and Analysis

Reconstruction time:

50s (512x512); 3 min (1024x1024)



Remote operation



Developed by B. Tieman, APS/ANL

#### Remote control of the experiment

- Automatic data collection, preprocessing and reconstruction
- Electronic log



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## Concrete

Sample 12.5 x 12.5 mm<sup>2</sup>, 35 keV,900 proj, 4 hours. Done at 5-BM DND-CAT.

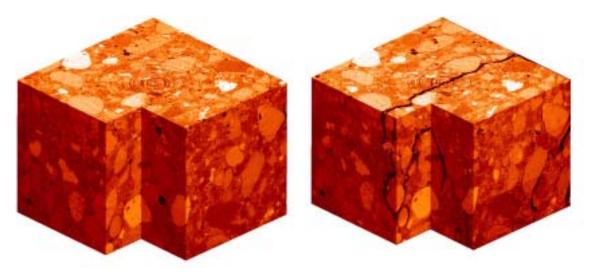


Fig. 13. Reconstructed volume at 92% of peak load and 13% of peak load (post-peak) for sand aggregate

Title: Measuring three-dimensional damage in concrete under compression

Author(s): Lawler JS, Keane DT, Shah SP

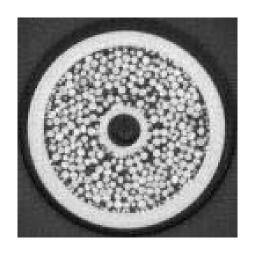
Source: ACI MATERIALS JOURNAL 98 (6): 465-475 NOV-DEC 2001

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# COMPLEX SYSTEMS - Sand



Signatures of granular microstructure in dense shear flows, D. M. Mueth et. al., Nature 406, 385-389, 2000. (13-ID)

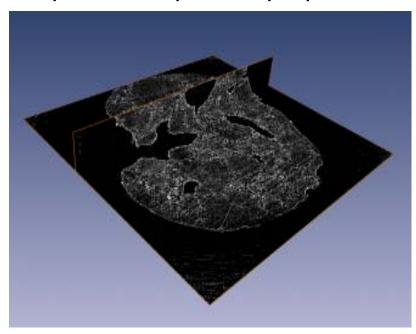
Granule-by-granule reconstruction of a sandpile from x-ray microtomography data, G. T. Seidler, et. al., Phys. Rev. E 62, 8175-8181, 2000. (20-ID)



### Microtomography Studies of Highly Explosive Materials

#### C. Bronkhorst - Los Alamos National Laboratory

- Development of a constitutive model of PBX 9501 (HE)
- Material modeling for direct numerical simulation for material and impact on explosion properties



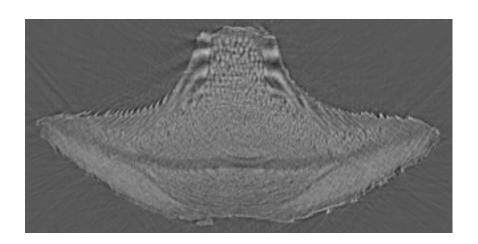
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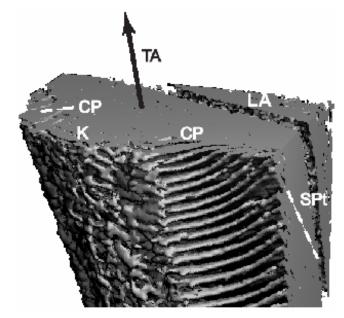




### **Biological Applications**

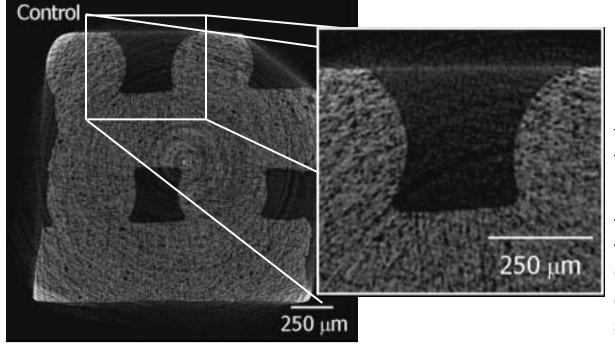
• Studies of biomechanical strength and toughness through biomineralization.





Sea urchin tooth cross section (left) and 3D rendering (right). In this rendering, the fragment is viewed from the base of the keel K. The horizontal cross section on the left is ~1.2 mm wide (courtesy of Stuart Stock, Northwestern Univiversity).



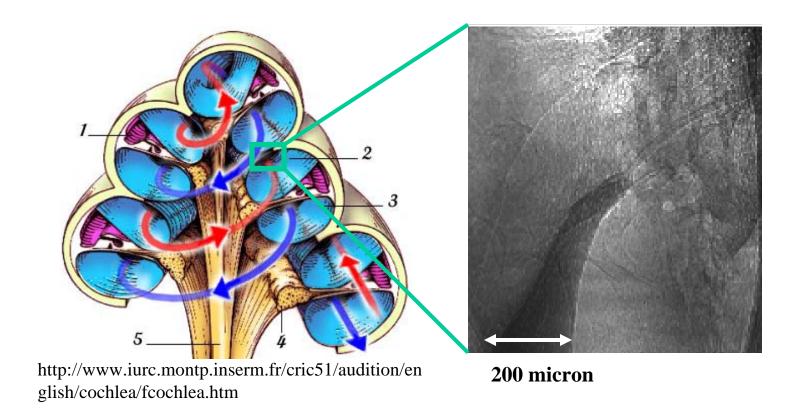


Bone tissue on porous hydroxyapatite (HA) scaffolds for tissue engineering applications.

For this study, tissue was cultured on HA scaffolds for 2 weeks and then post-fixed with OsO<sub>4</sub> to create an attenuation contrast between tissue and scaffold.

courtesy of Abbey Wojtowicz, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign





- Better understanding of hearing process
- Dynamic study



The high flux density naturally leads to time-resolved work.....



High flux, phase-enhanced contrast -> a new way of looking at small animal physiology

- good survivorship hours
- good contrast for trachea
- satisfactory mounting no evidence of stress

QuickTime™ and a Sorenson Video 3 decompressor are needed to see this picture.

#### Related avenues:

- complex mouth motions
- digestion (Steve Cook)

FOV=3x2 mm<sup>2</sup>, 25 keV, 30Hz Pro-thorax of beetle



# Even higher flux + phase-enhanced contrast -> Micro-second imaging $FOV = 1x1 \text{ mm}^2$ , filtered WB, stainless steel fuel injector

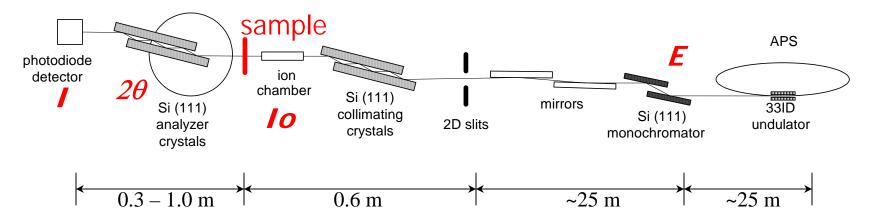
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Ultra small angle x-ray scattering imaging



# Ultra-small-angle X-ray scattering imaging



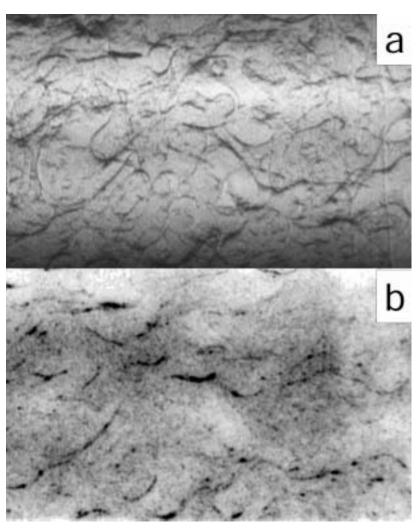
- Parameters:
  - $-1 \times 10^{-4} < q < 1.0 \text{ Å}^{-1}$
  - 7 keV < photon energy < 17 keV</li>
  - $-\Delta q = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Å}^{-1}$
- Sample volume  $0.4 \text{ mm} \times 2.5 \text{ mm} \times 0.1 \text{ mm} = 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$
- Can measure selected areas of the sample
- Can perform raster measurements to cover large regions
- Opportunity to image the objects doing the scattering

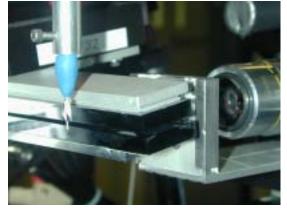


## *Images of artificial tissue scaffold* + *cells*

 $q=0.0~\textrm{Å}^{\text{-}1}$ 

 $q=0.0005\;\mathring{A}^{\text{-}1}$ 

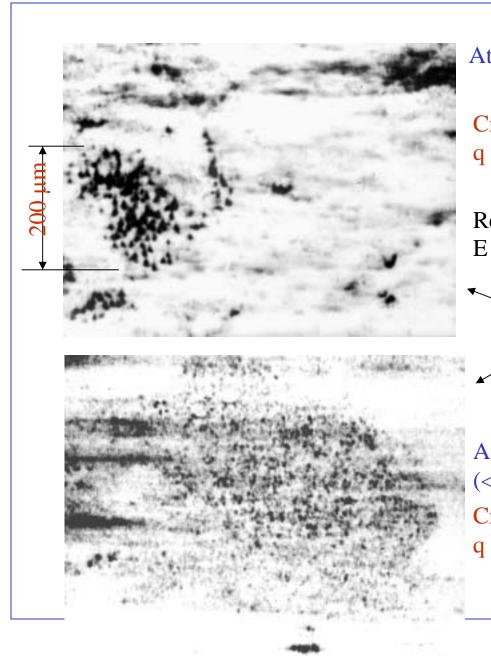




Sample, analyzer and detector

Porous poly-capralactone (PCL) with 50% porosity, cultured with osteoblasts for 28 days.





At low q, large (~ 12 μm) pores are visible

Crept, transverse q = 0.00013 Å  $^{-1}$ 

Resolution =  $2.9 \mu m$ E = 8.94 keV

Identical sample volumes

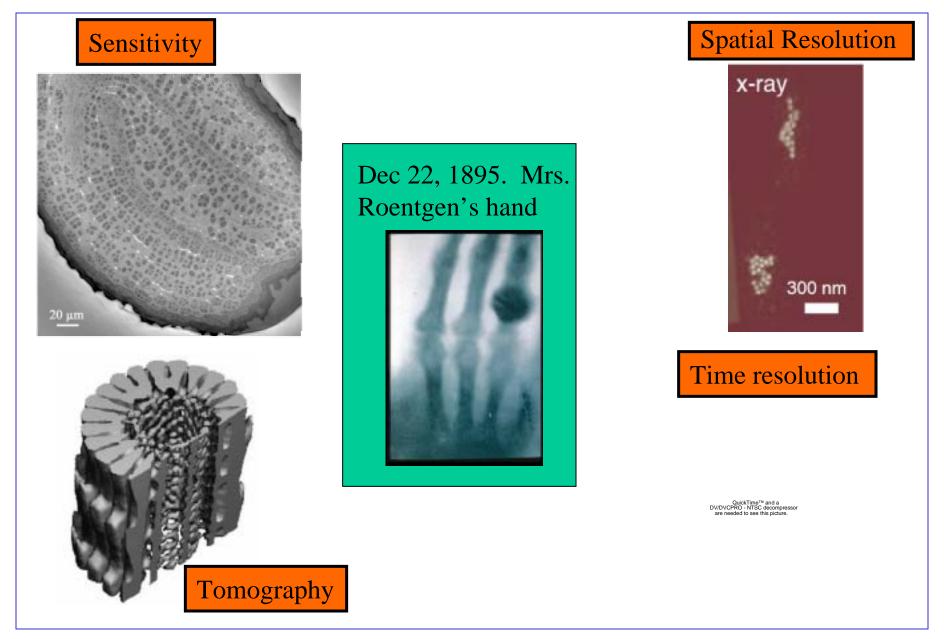
At larger q, dense regions of small  $(< 3 \mu m)$  features are visible

Crept, transverse,  $q = 0.00075 \text{ Å}^{-1}$ 



# Perspectives





# Perspectives - techniques

- Combination imaging techniques
  - Phase sensitivity & tomography -> holotomography
  - Time resolution & phase sensitivity -> real time phase enhanced radiography
  - -Ultimate imaging tool: Nanometer phase real time tomography???
- Combination x-ray techniques
  - Imaging & scattering
- Many optical techniques have yet to be realized in the x-ray regime
  - Fluid flow techniques
  - Tagged agents
- ???????



- Nanometer resolution related issues
  - Most samples are macroscopic ~ millimeter size.
  - Tomography at nanometer resolution would yield  $\sim 10^{18}$  bytes of data!
  - Even assuming computer progress, data mining would still be a major challenge
  - --> Need to be able to 'zoom' into interesting area
  - --> NEED LOCAL TOMOGRAPHY



# Perspectives - applications

- Established x-ray imaging applications (Physics, Material Science, Medicine) will continue
- Real time applications crack propagation, small animal physiology, functional imaging
- Emerging applications
  - Paleontology
  - Small animal physiology
  - Archaeology
  - Protein crystallography?
  - Nano-science?
  - ?????

